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SUBJ: CONSULTATION ON EXPORT CONTROLS

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1. ECONCOMMIN AGAIN STRESSED TO FONOFF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO HAVING AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS ACCOMPANY FONMIN OHIRA IN DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AND UNDERSECRETARY CASEY. IN ADDITION TO PRESENCE AT MEETING, DESIRABILITY THAT TECHNICAL EXPERTS MEET FOR LIKELY FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS STRESSED. FONOFF ALSO AWARE SIMILAR REQUEST MADE TO AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA BY SNEIDER. WITHIN FONOFF ISSUE PERSONALLY CONSIDERED BY DEPUTY VICE MINISTER TSURUMI AND ALSO DISCUSSED WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS.

2. AFTER FULL CONSIDERATION DECISION MADE NOT TO ADD MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS TO PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY ON GROUNDS THAT TRIP "PRIMARILY ONE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND IT THEREFORE SEEMS INAPPROPRIATE TO BRING ALONG TECHNICAL EXPERTS." FONOFF EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IN EVENT BUTZ-OHIGA DISCUSSION SHOWED IT TO BE DESIRABLE, FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS COULD EASILY BE ARRANGED.

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: IT CLEAR PROPOSAL FOR BUTZ

MEETING WITH OHIRA HAS BEEN CAUGHT UP IN BYZANTINE
BUREAUCRATIC REVALRIES. FONOFF HAS BEEN
EXCEEDINGLY RELUCTANT TO HAVE ANY OFFICIALS FROM OTHER
MINISTRIES ACCOMPANY PRIME MINISTER. PRESENCE OF
AICHI AND HIS STAFF FOR C-20 MEETING REGRADED AS BEING PURELY
COINCIDENTAL. ON OTHER HAND, AGRICULTURE MINISTRY
OBVIOUSLY RELUCTANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT CONCEIVABLY
WOULD MINIMIZE IMPORTANCE OF FUTURE MEETING BETWEEN
SECRETARY BUTZ AND MINISTER SAKURAUCHI TO WHICH LATTER
ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE. SHOESMITH

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